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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3748  
PATENT  
0505-0923P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Minoru MATSUDA et al.	Conf.:	7407
Appl. No.:	09/987,617	Group:	3748
Filed:	November 15, 2001	Examiner:	J. Corrigan
For:	VALVE SYSTEM FOR OHV-TYPE FOUR-CYCLE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE		

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 29, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The present Amendment includes an Amended Claim Set and Remarks.

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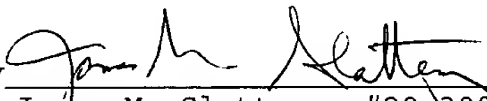
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	10	-	20	=	0	\$ 18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	2	-	3	=	0	\$ 86	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$290	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$180.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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